



"Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it"

There are weeks when the headlines leave us wondering where hope has gone. We look at our world, our country, our city, and our own lives, and it can feel as though darkness has the loudest voice.

Where is God in the middle of it all?

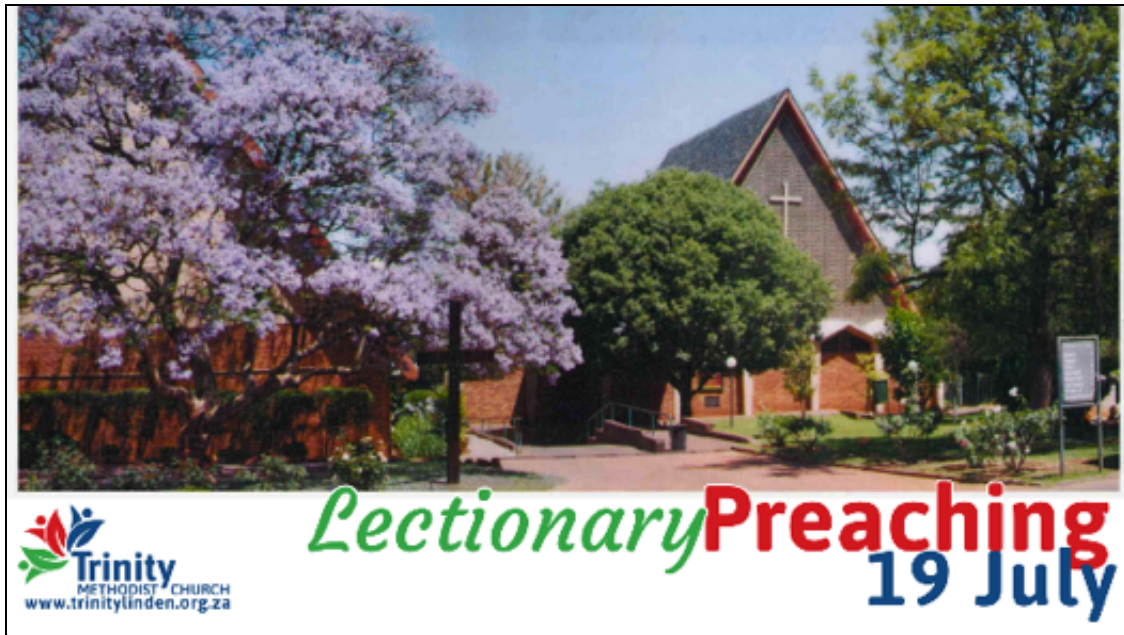
Every reading for this Sunday answers that question:

- Jacob discovers God is already present in the wilderness. *Then* he can face the journey ahead. "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it" (Genesis 28:16)
- The Psalmist knows there is nowhere God is absent. *Therefore* he can entrust his whole life to God. (Psalm 139, one of my favourite psalms)
- Paul says creation groans now, but because God's Spirit is with us now, we can hope for what we cannot *yet* see. (Romans 8)
- Jesus says the field contains weeds now, but *because* the owner

remains present and attentive, the harvest has a future. (Matthew 13)

How hopeful is this? By recognising God's presence in our lives today, we can find courage for tomorrow.

This Sunday, we gather to be reminded that hope is not built on circumstances, but on the presence of God. Come and worship with us as we learn to recognise the God who is already here, already at work, and already inviting us to trust him.



If you're planning to join us this week, these are the preachers and services you can look forward to:

7.30am Church | Traditional Service *with Holy Communion*

– John Wessels

9.30am Church | Fusion Service *also live-streamed*

– John Wessels

9.30am Chapel | Connect Service

– Alice Mugglestone

11.30am Church | Kopanang Service *with Holy Communion*

– Heather Zikhale

6.30pm Chapel | Home Service

– Alice Mugglestone

After all our services there will be someone available to pray with you.

All our services are family friendly. All are welcome. Who are you inviting?

[Find our Sunday 19 July 9.30am Fusion Service livestream here](#)

All our livestreams remain available on YouTube as videos after our services. You can access them on our YouTube channel at any time using this link:

[Trinity's YouTube Channel](#)

[Lectionary Preaching Series Info and Links](#)

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 19 July

Ordinary Time

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalms 139:1–12; 23–24

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Next Sunday – 26 July

Ordinary Time

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 128

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52



Thriving Wellness Group

Our Wellness Group – Mind. Body.
Soul – is meeting again. *Please note
the date change.*

**Sunday 19 July | 3.00pm to
5.00pm**

All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.



We have a new name for our Mental Health Support Group and are now calling ourselves 'Thriving Wellness Group'.

You are invited to join us as we look further at the work of Caroline Leaf, particularly her use of a tool – the Neurocycle – for managing toxic thought patterns and anxiety.

Mens' League



You are invited to join us for our men's ministry at any time! We meet every second Saturday morning.

Saturday 25 July | 7.00am to 9.00am

Market Sunday

Our next Market Day will be after our morning services in July.

Sunday 26 July | Before and after the 9.30am services

If you would like to have a table, please contact Nomphele in the office on 011 888 1740 or at reception@trinitylinden.org.za



New Sermon Series – Embracing God's Will



'Embracing God's Will' – based on a book by Rev Trevor Hudson.

Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August

You can find the sermon videos and sermon-based curriculum, when they become available, here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/embracing-gods-will/>

Prayer and Care Training

What is helpful for us to know about Trauma when we support others? What skills can we teach others to better cope with stress and trauma?

Ukweseka abantu abake bahlupheka ngenxa yezigameko ezinzima.

Sunday 26 July | 2pm to 5pm

This is open to all. Please join us!

	Pastoral Care and Prayer Volunteers Prayer and Care Volunteers Training
 Trinity METHODIST CHURCH www.trinitylinden.org.za	Sunday 26 July 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Divorce Support Group


<i>Divorce Support Group</i> Every Second Thursday 6.30pm to 8.30pm Chapel 

Our Divorce Support Group meets every second week.

Thursday 30 July | 6.30pm to 8.30pm

All are welcome! You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us!

Seekers' Weekend

Our confirmands are going on a Seekers Weekend, 31 July to 2 August.

Please pray for this group of young people and their leaders, as they grow in their faith journey together with God.

Strategic Planning Morning

We start the process of discerning

God's dreams for and through
Trinity, in 2027 and beyond.

**Saturday 1 August | 8.30am –
1.00pm**

YOU are part of our community,
and are welcome and encouraged
to join us! Your thoughts and
presence add to the richness and
fullness of this process.



Old Testament Survey Course



Module 4 of the Old Testament
Survey Course covers the Major
Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Lamentations, Ezekiel to Daniel.

Tuesday 4 August | 6.30pm

*All are welcome. You do not have to
have attended any previous modules
to join us.*

You can find more information and registration
here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/old-testament-survey-course/>

Divorce Care Course

Our next Divorce Care course starts
in August, and runs for 13 weeks.

**Thursday 6 August | 6.30pm to
8.30pm**

The cost of R250pp includes your manual.

All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.



Thursday 6 August
13 weeks
6.30pm to 8.30pm



Cost: R250
- includes your manual

We welcome those currently facing or still healing from a divorce or separation. This will be a safe space in which to gain support and strength to assist with this process.

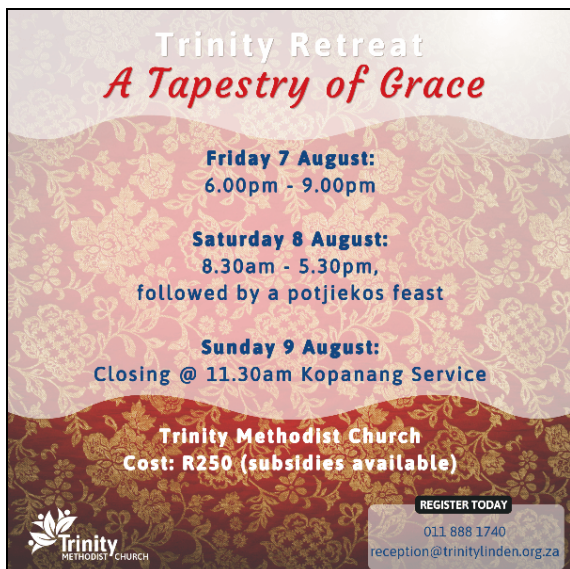
Some of the weekly themes are: deep hurt; road to recovery; anger; grief & depression; loneliness; financial & legal issues; and so much more!

You can find more information and registration here: <https://find.divorcecare.org/groups/296481>

Trinity Retreat – A Tapestry of Grace

Registration is open for our Trinity Retreat.

Our theme is 'A TAPESTRY OF GRACE', based on 1 Corinthians 12:12–14.



Trinity Retreat
A Tapestry of Grace

Friday 7 August:
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday 8 August:
8.30am - 5.30pm,
followed by a potjiekos feast

Sunday 9 August:
Closing @ 11.30am Kopanang Service

Trinity Methodist Church
Cost: R250 (subsidies available)

REGISTER TODAY
011 888 1740
reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Place: Trinity Methodist Church
Cost: R250 (Subsidies available)

Friday 7 August: 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Saturday 8 August: 8.30am to 5.30pm, followed by a potjiekos feast.

Sunday 9 August: Celebratory closing service at the 11.30am Kopanang service.

All are welcome – children and youth are also invited! You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.

Seniors

Our seniors are meeting in August.
We are having an organ recital with
Jonathan Vieler.

**Wednesday 12 August | 9.30 for
9.45 | Sanctuary | Tea to follow**

*All are welcome! You do not have to
be a member of Trinity to join us!*



Parents' Workshop

Save the date for our next parents' workshop, on **Saturday 15 August.**

More details to follow.

Table Talk: Farina

Our next Table Talk evening will be
held at Farina Restaurant, across
the road from Trinity.

**Wednesday 19 August | 6.30pm –
9.00pm | Cost: R50pp**

*You are encouraged to invite family,
friends, neighbours, and colleagues.
All are welcome! You do not have to*



be a member of Trinity to join us.

John Wessels will be speaking about 'What Your Dreams May Be Saying – A Non-Religious Introduction to Dream Interpretation'.

Please register by calling Nomphele in the office at 011 888 1740 or online at <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/table-talk/>



At Trinity we celebrate our young people.

This is where you are invited to join us this weekend:

GroovyCrew | Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7

Our GROOVYCREW Friday Night Children's Ministry is on a break!

We will meet again on Friday 24 July.

Enjoy your holidays!



Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12



Our Thrive Friday Night Youth Ministry is on a break!

We will meet again on Friday 24 July.

We look forward to seeing you in church every Sunday.

The Gathering – Young Adults

Our 'The Gathering' Young Adults are on a break.

We will meet again on Friday 24 July.



Sparkling Kids Club | Sunday Morning Kids – Age 2 to 13

Join us on **Sunday 12 July | 9.30am** for Sparkling Kids Club.

For the school holidays we meet outside the chapel for worship, followed by games, crafts, and fun!



All are welcome!

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12, & Sunday Morning Kopanang Teens – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Teen Church is on a break.

*Our normal schedule will resume on
 Sunday 26 July.*



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13

Our Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids Children's Ministry is on a break!

We will meet again on Sunday 26 July.



Enjoy your holidays!



Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Thursday 16 July – Divorce Support Group
- * Friday 17 July – NO Friday Evening Children & Youth. Restarts 24 July.
- * Friday 17 July – NO 'The Gathering' Young Adults. Restarts 24 July
- * Sunday 19 July – Thriving Wellness Group (note date change)
- * Sunday 31 May to 19 July – [Lectionary Sermon Series](#)
- * Tuesday 19 May to 28 July – Duke Student: Audra Marchese
- * Friday 24 July – Friday Evening Children & Youth restarts
- * Friday 24 July – 'The Gathering' Young Adults restarts
- * Saturday 25 July – Mens League
- * Saturday 25 July – WA Jumble Sale
- * Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August – Sermon Series – [Embracing God's Will](#)
- * Sunday 26 July – Prayer and Care Training
- * Thursday 30 July – Divorce Support Group
- * Friday 31 July – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 31 July – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Friday 31 July – Sunday 2 August – Seekers Camp
- * Saturday 1 August – Strategic Planning Morning
- * Sunday 2 August – Blood Drive

- * Tuesday 4 August – [Old Testament Survey](#): Module 4
- * Thursday 6 August to 5 November – [Divorce Care Course](#)
- * Friday 7 August – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 7 August – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Friday 7 to Sunday 9 August – Trinity Weekend Retreat
- * Saturday 8 August – Mens League
- * Sunday 9 August – Womens' Day
- * Monday 10 August – Public Holiday
- * Wednesday 12 August – Seniors
- * Friday 14 August – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 14 August – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Saturday 15 August – Parents' Workshop
- * Wednesday 19 August – Table Talk: Farina
- * Saturday 22 August – Mens League

All Trinity services and events are open to all. You do not need to be a member of Trinity to attend. Who are you inviting?



We are praying for...

This week, we pray again in honour of our banner on the corner: *'Policing that protects all and restores trust.'*

We ask you, as a congregation, to continue praying along these lines, so that the banner on the corner is not just an empty sign, but represents the true prayers and commitments of this faith community.

In our prayer:

- Focus not on the problems within policing, but on the **beautiful calling and potential of policing**.
- Pray for police officers and staff of every rank to have a renewed and positive vision of their role in South Africa: that they would see

themselves as people entrusted with protecting life, upholding dignity, seeking justice, and creating safer communities.

- Pray that this larger vision of service would inspire personal growth — that each member of the police service would aspire to integrity, courage, compassion, humility, and excellence. Pray that the honour of the calling would be stronger than the temptations of corruption, greed, or misuse of power.
- Finally, pray for restored relationships between communities and police: that citizens would recognise and support those who serve faithfully, and that police officials would increasingly experience their work as a contribution to the flourishing of all South Africans.

We're praying for...



**...policing that protects all
and restores trust**



We hold in our hearts those who are grieving the loss of...

Valerie Agnes Oberholzer. Service at Trinity on Saturday 18 July, 2.00pm.
Also live streamed.

Mike Rycroft. Service details to be confirmed.

Ken Jerrard. Service on Friday 17 July.

May you find rest and peace in God's presence.



The Wool Bank Is Still Here

For those who would like to carry on knitting for ReachOut, the wool will be available **only in the Church foyer** every Sunday, from 8.00am to 12.00pm.

These items will go to stocking our Winter Warmers Box for next winter.

- Please take **one – three balls only**, to leave enough wool for others till the end of the project.
- Return the finished article asap.
- SIGN OUT and SIGN IN your wool/article(s) on the clipboard available.

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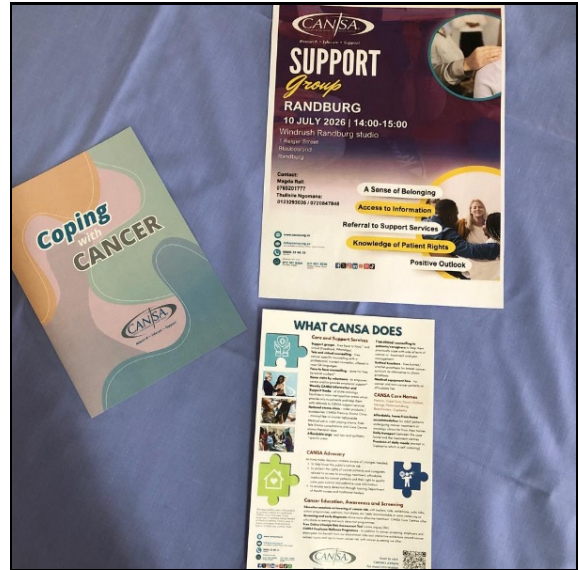
CIA Cancer Support Group



Our Christians In Action (CIA) Cancer Support tea was, once again, a

wonderful success.

Cancer Association of SA (CANSA) handed out towels to the group.



Kopanang Service

On Sunday 5 July Thandukwazi Gcabashe and Nomphele Fihla were the up-and-coming on-note preachers at the Kopanang service.

May God bless them on this journey!



Bubble Joy



At a recent staff meeting, Audra led the devotions, and her key theme was '...the joy of the Lord is your strength' (Nehemiah 8:10).

Afterwards she gave us each a bottle of bubbles, and we went outside to practice the joy!

It was Nicholas' first time blowing bubbles!



Friendly Volunteers

Our welcome and door stewards are often the first point of contact for people as they arrive at Trinity.

Door stewards, Zelda and Karl, were on duty on Sunday 5 July.





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Want to stay in the loop with what's happening in the life of our church?

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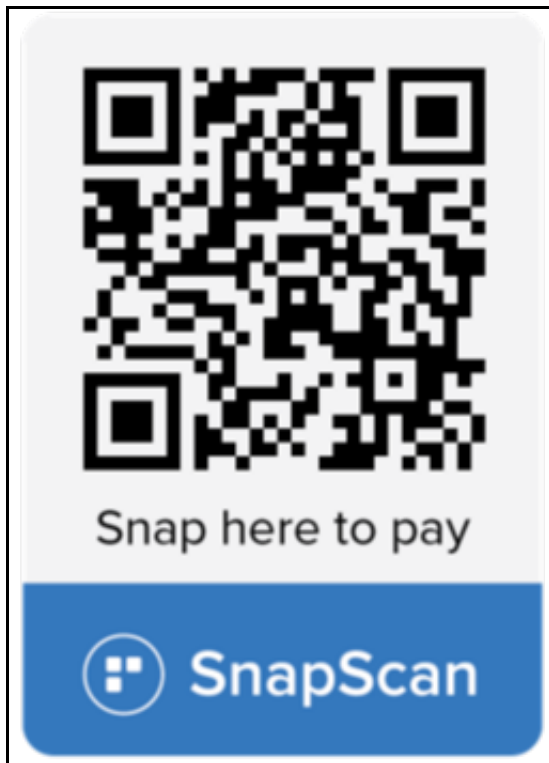
1. Send us a WhatsApp message that says "Please add me" + your name to 071 089 9694.
2. Very important! Save that number in your contacts – otherwise, WhatsApp won't deliver the messages.

We'd love to stay connected with you – but you can unsubscribe at any time!

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Trinity Banking Details

Methodist Church of Southern
Africa – Trinity Society
Standard Bank
Cresta Branch: 05-10-01



Account no: 200111760

You can learn all about sacrificial giving on our website here:
<https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/church-life/giving/>

Recent Sermons

Did you miss last Sunday's service? Or would you like to hear it again?
Would you like to share it with a friend?

You can find our past sermons in video or audio format, and the series booklets, by clicking on the link to our website here:

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